

recognition of Cuban belligerency. The whole question is intentionally allowed to pass before the committee, and from present reports it seems probable that until the Senate Committee sees fit to act. Those in power in the House are afraid to take the responsibility of recognizing the belligerent rights of Cuba, or of refusing to do so. The friends of Cuba are waiting for the committee to simply waiting for the information asked of the Secretary of State, who is preparing it as rapidly as possible. There will not be much delay for eight or ten days.

EACH WAITING FOR THE OTHER.

While the House is apparently waiting for the Senate Committee to act, the body is frittering away its time, having no object in view except the hearing of the free college and agricultural speakers' addresses. Forums and light speeches are being made.

Senator John Sherman, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, has been called in Spain and does not think as rapidly as he once did. Never in the history of the country was there such an inactive Congress.

Amid all this inaction the members of the Cuban Junta in this city are busy and anxious to see some action taken. Their recognition will be granted. Ministers Palma, of the Cuban Legation, when they come to-night regarding the situation in Cuba.

"It will be noticed that the question of belligerency is coming to a head in the minds of our people. It is a question which vigor through the cables. It is reported for instance, that Maceo had suffered a terrible defeat in which three hundred of his men were killed. This is another story is again repeated with slight variations and given out as another battle. A third report says that the Spaniards have three hundred killed would represent a thousand wounded. This aspect of the case is not even sustained by the Spanish authorities. It is evident that we are in a pitched battle and there is no armistice in the world, however brave, that would stop the fighting. We know that the Spanish troops fight in columns or squares and the Cubans fight in open order, so the explanation that might be given that the Cubans are more expert than the Spaniards in artillery would fall in explaining the discrepancy."

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"We also hear in one set of dispatches that there is absolutely no fighting in